

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in the application. It is gratefully acknowledged that Claims 4-9 and 12-17 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-3, 10, 11 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Voltolina et al. (U.S. Publication 2005/0233760).

Regarding the rejection of Claims 1-3, 10, 11 and 18 under §102(e), the Examiner states that Voltolina et al. anticipates each and every element of the claims. The earliest filing date of Voltolina et al. is June 9, 2003, and the priority date of the present application is August 17, 2002. Therefore, to remove Voltolina et al. as prior art, a certified English language translation of the priority document, KPA No. 2002-48751, for perfecting the priority claim is attached hereto.

Based on at least the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 1-3, 10, 11 and 18 under §102(e) is respectfully requested.

Independent Claims 1, 3, 10, 11 and 18 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claim 2 this is likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of its dependence on its respective independent claim. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of dependent Claim 2 is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-18, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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